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Update regarding NACFOR/Mercer log yard project

Mercer International has decided to discontinue operation of the local NACFOR scales and NACFOR/Mercer log yard, operating on Hot Springs Road, effective immediately. The last loads of logs left the log yard located at Arrow Lakes Aggregate land last week, bound for the Mercer pulp mill in Castlegar.

Mercer cited high unit costs caused by lower-than-expected volume of wood shipped to the yard as the reason for the closure. Mercer is currently planning/undertaking upgrades to their Castlegar pulp mill to allow greater utilization of smaller piece sizes, therefore will be migrating towards more direct shipments to the plant.

Future effort will be made to transport this local Nakusp and area fibre directly to the Mercer pulp mill in Castlegar, when and where economics allow.

NACFOR is trying to maintain functionality of the scales so that they can be used in the future, should periodic operation be feasible. For now, the scale site will be closed while options are being determined. The operation served to illustrate the amount of waste fibre that could be utilized rather than burned, supporting jobs and creating local economy, if and when the economics for utilization of low-grade fibre improve.

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